

# Environmental Health

~~1618-02~~ Resolution to ~~Eliminate~~ Establish Fees Based on Actual Cost to Administer the Food Establishment License Fee in Idaho Code Safety Program

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## **Resolution ~~1618-02~~**

### **RESOLUTION TO ~~REMOVE THE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FEE IN IDAHO CODE~~ ESTABLISH FEES BASED ON ACTUAL COST TO ADMINISTER THE FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS,** Public Health Districts are given the authority and obligation to establish and adopt fees for services provided based upon actual cost per IDAPA 41.02.01.010 and 41.02.01.12; and

**WHEREAS,** protecting the public from the hazards of food borne illness and disease is a primary function of Idaho's Public Health Districts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in six Americans, or 48 million people, get sick from foodborne illnesses every year. Approximately 128,000 of these are hospitalized and 3,000 die<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** foodborne illness poses a \$77.7 billion economic burden in the United States annually<sup>2</sup>, and

**WHEREAS,** it is well recognized that foodborne outbreaks can be devastating to a food establishment business; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Health Districts are committed to providing an appropriate balance between code enforcement and education; and

**WHEREAS,** the food protection system in Idaho presently meets generally accepted state and national standards; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Health Districts are mandated by the Idaho Food Code to perform at least one food safety inspection per year for each licensed food establishment, but current funding is inadequate to cover the cost of this service;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health supports ~~removing food establishment license fees in Idaho Code and~~ allowing the local boards of health to establish ~~a~~ fees based on the actual cost to deliver the food safety inspection program as directed by IDAPA 41.02.01.010 and 41.02.01.012.

***Adopted by the Idaho Association of District Boards of Health***  
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<sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Estimates of Foodborne Illness in the United States," page last updated January 8, 2014, accessed March 16, 2016, <http://www.cdc.gov/foodborneburden/>.

<sup>2</sup>Bottemiller, H. "Annual Foodborne Illnesses Cost \$77 Billion, Study Finds, Food Safety News," (January 3, 2012), accessed March 16, 2016. <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/01/foodborne-illness-costs-77-billion-annually-study-finds/#.Vum0BNIrKcN>.